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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

41 June 17, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ADOPT THE 2013 UPDATE TO THE  
ANTELOPE VALLEY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to adopt the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee and the Director of Public Works or her designee, respectively, to vote as members of the Regional Water Management Group for the Antelope Valley to adopt this Plan in accordance with Sections 10530 to 10546 of the California Water Code. These actions will enable the Regional Water Management Group for the Antelope Valley to improve regional water resources management practices, as well as qualify it for future grant funding for water resources-related projects.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS  
DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution (Enclosure A) adopting the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee and the Director of Public Works or her designee, respectively, to vote as a member of the Regional Water Management Group for the Antelope Valley to adopt this Plan in accordance with Sections 10530 to 10546 of the California Water Code.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water.

Agencies in the Antelope Valley Region have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single-purpose efforts. Agencies now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues including recycled water, stormwater capture, water use efficiency, and groundwater basin banking. The Antelope Valley IRWM Plan is a result of these ongoing efforts and is an acknowledgement by these agencies that integration and cost-sharing is the key to meeting the Antelope Valley Region's future water resource management challenges.

The DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines). The 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan addresses the provisions of Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E and meets the requirements of the 2012 Guidelines.

The IRWM Program requires IRWM Plans to be administered by a Regional Water Management Groups (RWMG). The RWMG for the Antelope Valley is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan. The 2012 Guidelines require adoption of an updated IRWM Plan by the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMG, the RWMG's representatives of the governing bodies, and by proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals.

Adopting the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan will enable participants in the Antelope Valley to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E. The RWMG of the Antelope Valley has previously accepted funds from these grant programs, including funding to update the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan.

The County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District) are a part of the RWMG for the Antelope Valley and are required to adopt the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan in order to continue participating.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by maximizing opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resource through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On December 4, 2007, the Board adopted, in accordance with Sections 10530 through 10546 of the California Water Code, the resolution approving the proposal and determination to adopt the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan.

On April 7, 2009, the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer or his designee and the Director of Public Works or her designee, respectively, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with interested parties to establish a RWMG, in accordance with Sections 10530 through 10541 of the California Water Code, for the Antelope Valley to pursue grant funding for the Antelope Valley Region and facilitate implementation of the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan.

Appendix B of the 2012 Guidelines requires the governing body of each member agency of a RWMG responsible for the development of an IRWM Plan to adopt the Plan by way of a Resolution. The enclosed Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Adoption of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan is not a project subject to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.


**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no adverse impact on current County services. This effort to adopt the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan further enhances and facilitates partnerships among water resources, stormwater quality, and open space interests while improving the quality of life for residents in the Antelope Valley Region.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one signed original of the Resolution to the Chief Executive Office and two adopted copies of this letter and two copies of the signed Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

  
WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

ENCLOSURE A

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2013 UPDATE TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY), Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (DISTRICT), and agencies in the Antelope Valley Region have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single-purpose efforts and now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues including local and imported water supplies, sanitation and recycled water, stormwater management, groundwater management, water use efficiency, habitat and open space management, and other such issues; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water, and other such purposes; and

WHEREAS, organizations participating in the IRWM Program join together to form IRWM Regions; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Region serving the Antelope Valley Region is known as the Antelope Valley IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley IRWM Region engages in regional water resources planning for the Antelope Valley Region; and

WHEREAS, DWR recognizes the Antelope Valley IRWM Region as an official IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Program requires that a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) be formed to establish an IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the DISTRICT are members of the RWMG for the Antelope Valley IRWM Region; and

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the RWMG for the Antelope Valley IRWM Region is responsible for the preparation and adoption of an IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the RWMG for the Antelope Valley IRWM Region has developed the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the DISTRICT actively participated in the development of the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2013 Update Antelope Valley IRWM Plan will enable participants in the Antelope Valley IRWM, including the COUNTY and the DISTRICT, to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2007, the Board adopted the resolution for the proposal and determination to adopt the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the COUNTY and the DISTRICT:

1. Adopt the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan;
2. Authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer or his designee and the Director of Public Works or her designee, respectively, in their role as member agencies of the RWMG of the Antelope Valley IRWM, to vote at the appropriate time to adopt the 2013 Update to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014,  
by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body  
of the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40,  
Antelope Valley.

SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles



By Carla Little  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Deputy